HOUSE BILL 3678

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 3, relative to the importance of educating parents about the benefits of immunizing certain children against influenza.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-502(a)(4), is amended by adding the following new, appropriately designated subdivision:

- (C) Education of the parents of children in day care regarding the benefits of immunizing their children against influenza:
 - (i) The department of human services shall work to increase immunization awareness and participation among parents of children in child care agencies as defined in this part by working with the department of health in publishing on the department's website information about the benefits of annual immunization against influenza for children six (6) months of age to five (5) years of age.
 - (ii) The department shall work with child care agencies and providers to ensure that the information is annually distributed to parents in August or September.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.